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A note from the Editor



Welcome to another edition of the FTLM News, the official mouthpiece of the institution. This is the publication that we are using to communicate developments taking place in our Municipality to the public. We will always appreciate feedback, comments and suggestions on how to improve our communication with the communities and stakeholders.

As reported in the previous publications, we are starting the 2019/20 financial year on a negative outlook due to the financial crisis that we are facing. It is going to be a tough year as austerity measures will be applied across the board in order to keep the Municipality afloat until the end of the financial year. It is the responsibility of all parties including stakeholders, customers and clients to contribute towards the sustainability of the organization.

Due to the VBS saga, the Provincial administration have made several interventions to see the Municipality on a road to recovery. One of the political interventions made is the appointment of Cllr Ralepane Mamekoa as the new Mayor. Cllr Mamekoa replaces Cllr Tlakale Phala who was tasked with the responsibility of overseeing things during the transition period. We would like to thank Cllr Phala for her outstanding leadership during her tenure and that she was able to guide the Municipality towards the adoption of the 2019/20 IDP and Budget.

We take this opportunity to welcome Cllr Mamekoa in his new role and call upon all sectors of the society to rally behind him in his quest to bring stability and sustainability to the institution. Cllr Mamekoa brings a wealth of experience to the organization as he had served on two terms as the Mayor of the defunct Greater Tubatse Municipality. Soon the Mayor and the Executive Committee will embark on a programme to meet all stakeholders and take them into confidence on the developments that are happening in the Municipality.

During the State of the local Municipal Address delivered on the 21st June 2019, some pronouncements were made to improve the face of our communities despite the financial challenges that we are facing. The Municipality will embark on the following projects which will create direct job and business opportunities to our communities;

- Electrification of Mashamaothane Phase 1, Khalanyoni, Dithabaneng and Phelindaba. Over 2500 households will benefit out of the project
- Motodi sports complex
- Burgersfort extension 54, 71 and 72 roads and stormwater
- Magotwaneng access bridge
- Magakala access bridge

Some interventions in terms of basic services will be rendered by the District Municipality, Sector departments and our social partners which will also see job and business opportunities being created.

We hope that the 2019/20 financial year will bring much relief in terms of financial recovery which will see the Municipality fulfilling its promises made to our communities.

Mogoma temeng Batubatse ba dithebe

Enjoy

Good Luck

THABISO MOKWENA

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Mayor mourn the death of Kgoshigadi Maphopha



Fetakgomo Tubatse Municipality would like to pass its sincere condolences to Bahlakoana ba Maphopha after the passing on of Kgoshigadi Maphopha. A delegation led by Mayor Cllr Ralepane Mamekoa visited Bahlakoana ba Maphopha royal family to pay the last respect on behalf of the Municipality. Kgoshigadi passed on during the difficult period of Covid 19 where government has put strict measures in place to flatten the curve of the disease.



FTLM Mourners gather at Ga Maphopha Tribal Council lead by His Worship the Mayor Cllr Ralepane Mamekoa and his Executive.

In his message to the family and the Royal Council, Cllr Mamekoa expressed shock at the passing of Mma Kgoshi and heaped praises on her for leading the community and giving guidance on social issues. Her death has robbed the community the wisdom and unity that was displayed during her reign. As her passing on took place during the lockdown period, the Mayor appealed to the Royal Council and family to comply with all regulations of Covid 19 and to cooperate with law enforcement agencies to avoid penalties if measures are not put in place.

Moya wa Nareadi a o robale ka khutso.

Mayor monitoring the first COVID-19 casualty at Motlolo village



From Right: FTLM Mayor Cllr Ralepane Mamekoa, FTLM OHS Official Desmond Makwana, Dilokong Hospital CEO Mrs Mashishi monitoring the first COVID-19 case funeral.

The Mayor of Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality has his the deepest condolences to the family of a man who became the first victim of COVID-19 pandemic in the Municipality. The Provincial health department in Limpopo has confirmed that a 55-year-old male who died on 20 April had contracted corona virus and was the first casualty recorded in Sekhukhune district at Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality.

Mayor Cllr Ralepane Mamekoa said " our hearts are broken over the loss of a 55 years old man and we send our deepest condolences to his wife, children and the entire family during this difficult times. We humbly advice the people who

made contacts with him to cooperate with Health Department and visit their local health department for testing.

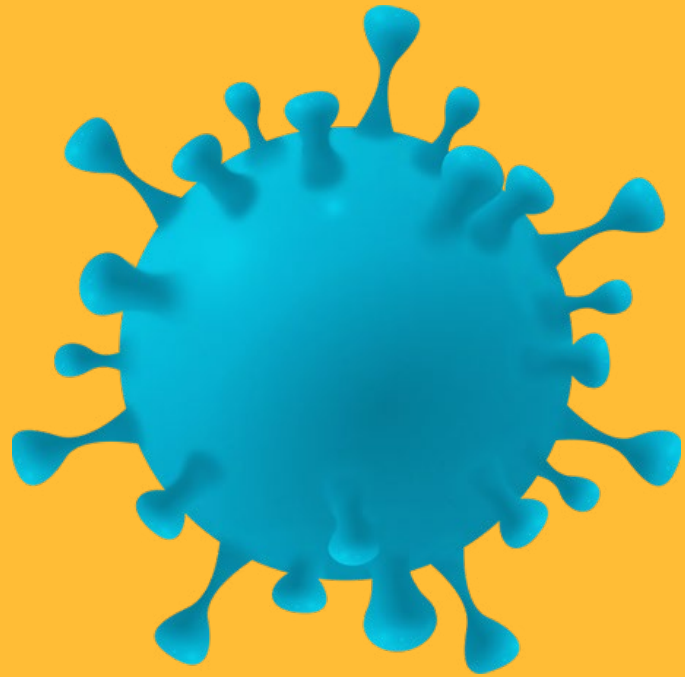
We have all a role to play in stopping the spread of the virus. The most important thing is to be health conscious and abide to all regulations of the nationwide lockdown. Let us stay at home to save lives and not to burden our health system by being reckless in our behaviour, Cllr Mamekoa said.

"As the Municipality we humbly request the fellow citizens to work together with the Department of Health as they continued with the massive community screening process across the Municipality." Screening and testing, combined with the lockdown regulations, hygiene measures and social distancing are the best tools we have in the fight against the coronavirus" concluded the Mayor Cllr Ralepane Mamekoa

COVID 19 COMPLIANCE WITH BUSINESS

Since the lockdown started on the 26 March 2020 the leadership of Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality led by his Worship the Mayor Cllr Ralepane Samuel Mamekoa joined hands with other state institutions, private sector and civil society in the fight against the menace of the corona virus pandemic.

The Mayor and His Executive Committee members has been hard at work in raising awareness and conducting compliance visits in teams to various outlets including business, churches and funerals. The aim of the visit is to monitor compliance on Covid-19 regulations.



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Government for the people delivering basic services



From Left: Head of Technical Services Cllr Eddie Maila, COGHSTA MEC Basikopo Makamu, Social Development MEC Nkakareng Rakgoale and FTLM Acting Mayor Isaac Mamogale



Lusi Sebulelo and her family receiving food parcels from the Mayor



Germina Mabelane from Tukakgomo Village receives food parcels from the Mayor

MEC of Social Development Nkakareng Rakgoale, Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs MEC Basikopo Makamu accompanied by Ba-Moshate, Acting Mayor Cllr. Isaac Mamogale and Head of Technical Services Cllr Eddie Maila visited the family of an elderly woman who is staying in a three bedroom shack with her 13 grandchildren.

The elderly woman is one of the 52 residents whose SASSA cards are being withheld by a spaza shop owner after they took groceries on credit. The elderly woman has not been withdrawing her SASSA grant for four years as the card was held by the local businessman at Mahlakwena village outside Steelpoort town.

The family was provided with food parcels by the MEC of Social Development and Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality. The family was also provided with a temporary shelter by the MEC of Coghsta while the contractor is busy with a permanent structure.

Few days before the visits by the MEC's, the Mayor Cllr Ralepane Mamekoa donated food parcels to the Lubisi family and others at Tukakgomo villages. The Municipality would like to thank Anglo American Platinum for donating food parcels given to the vulnerable families during the lockdown period.

Schools re-opening

Fetakgomo Tubatse Municipality has embarked on a programme to visit schools since reopening on the 08th June 2020 for the return of Grade 7 and 12 learners. The objective of the programme is to check the readiness of the schools and to monitor compliance on Covid 19 regulations. The programme has seen the leadership of the Municipality together with officials from Sekhukhune East District of Education visiting all circuits to interact with school management teams and learners on the readiness to continue with the 2020 academic year.

Over 200 schools were visited and found to be ready to accommodate learners and continue with the academic year. Personal protective equipments were delivered and distributed amongst educators and learners to keep them safe from infections. We would like to thank the Department of Education and the private sector for providing the essentials and also ablution facilities at schools with dire need. Some schools are still experiencing challenges of constant water supply and the ablution facilities and the matter is receiving attention from the relevant authorities. We thank Sekhukhune District Municipality by ensuring that there is continuous supply of water to affected schools.

The programme will continue when other grades are phased in to make sure that schools adhere to Covid 19 regulations and not put the lives of educators and learners at risk. It is our collective responsibility to flatten the curve of the spread and always stress the golden rule: wash hands for twenty seconds with soap, sanitize our hands, keep social distancing and wearing mask at times in public.



COMPLIANCE VISIT TO LEOLO HIGH AND BOGWASHA PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN PRAKTISEER TOWNSHIPS



From left: Leolo Principal Madala Mathebula, FTLM Mayor Cllr RS Mamekoa, Circuit Manager S Lingwati and Mantaga Selebalo.

On behalf of the MEC of Public Works Namane Masemola Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality Mayor Cllr Ralepane Samuel Mamekoa visited Leolo High and Bogwasha Primary schools in Praktiseer township accompanied by the Circuit Manager Mr S Lingwati and the officials from the Department of Public Works Led by Mantaga Selebalo.



Bogwasha Primary School

The visit was to monitor compliance on the phased in of Grade 7 and 12 to schools.

The Mayor said on behalf of MEC Masemola "We are here to support the school and to monitor the compliance, we are encouraging all the learners, teachers and support staff to apply social distancing in this premises, the school must have an isolation room for emergency, toilets must be clean at all times and learners sanitized regularly. This is the kind of life that we are going to live as South African to keep us healthy at all times than before the emergence of COVID-19 pandemic.

The School Governing body and Teachers must make sure the learners are in a good hands because they are the future of our country. This country depends of the future of this learners concluded Mayor Mamekoa".

Leolo High school have 148 Grade 12 learners and are divided into 3 classes and social distancing have been applied said the School Principal Mr Mathebula.

The entourage proceeded to Bogwasha Primary school where learner were encouraged to wear masks at all time, washing hands with soap, sanitizing their hands and to keep social distancing. The schools have complied in terms of the regulations and follow up visits will be conducted when other grades are phased in.



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MEC monitoring the school readiness



MEC of Provincial Treasury Seaparo Sekwati visited two schools in Leboeng village Tshabelang Dinoko Secondary and Leboeng Primary as part of monitoring schools for Covid19 regulations compliance as schools reopen for Grade 7 and 12 after a long period of closure since lockdown.

He was accompanied by the Fetakgomo Tubatse Local municipal Mayor Cllr Ralepane Mamekoa, Head of Technical Cllr Eddie Maila and Head of Community Services Cllr Maria Mashego, Drakensburg Circuit Manager Mr Mathebula and District Director of Education of Sekhukhune East Mr Makola.

When addressing the SGB and teachers the Mayor Cllr Mamekoa said "We also want to express our sincere gratitude to parents, teachers and learners, who had to endure the effects of the abnormal 2020 school calendar year as a result of the



From Left: Drakensburg Circuit Manager Mr Mathebula, FTLM Mayor Cllr RS Mamekoa, MEC Seaparo Sekwati, Sekhukhune Educational Director Mr Makola and FTLM Head of Community Services Cllr M Mashego

plementation of the Disaster Management Act to flatten a spread of the Corona virus. We can assure you that our anxieties are ours too and had to spend sleepless nights pondering on the future of the learners. We have done and will continue to do our level best to ensure that our schools are safe in Fetakgomo Tubatse. All of us are therefore, called to do whatever we are expected to do, to ensure that our school communities and spaces do not become the new hotspots for the COVID-19 pandemic”.

When addressing SGB, teacher and learners of Mabelang dinoko and Leboeng schools respectively EC Seaparo Sekwati said “We would like to thank in particular our Teacher and Worker Unions as well as the SGB Associations for their unwavering commitment and foresight for the re-opening of schools. The relentless efforts of School Principals, School Management Team and Educators to ensure that schools are ready to receive learners are evident of their commitment towards the future of our children. We salute you and wish you all of the best for the rest of the 2020 school academic year”.



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MONITORING RE-OPENING OF SCHOOLS



Nakgwadi Secondary School, at Ga-Maroga village became the first school to be visited after the reopening of schools for Grade 7 and 12 learners. The school was blessed by the presence of Sekhukhune District Executive Mayor Cllr Keamotseng Ramaila, Mayor of Fetakgomo Tubatse Cllr Ralepane Mamekoa, District Director of Education Mr Makola and Pulana Maroga Tribal Authority led by Moragedi Maroga.

The purpose of the visit was to check the readiness of the school in terms of infrastructure, Personal protective equipments and the general Covid 19 regulations on the reopening of schools.

In his remarks, Mayor Cllr Mamekoa indicated that the visit to the school was prompted by the call made by President Ramaphosa to fight against the spread

of corona virus in all walks of life. Government has visited the school to check if the comply comply with regulations and ready to welcome back educators and Grade 12 learners.

The Executive Mayor stated that the school was chosen because it is situated in a Mining area where many cases were reported and also in a proximity where a first casualty was recorded in Sekhukhune District. The objective of government is to fight against the spread of the virus and to ensure that all institutions adhere to Covid 19 regulations especially in schools where there are vulnerable people.

The school was found to be compliant in all aspects as all measures were put in place to ensure the safety of learners, educators and visitors. The School Principal attributed the success of the school to the Department of Education and Modikwa Mine for supplying PPE, sanitizers, other essentials and fumigating the whole school.

OPERATION SANITIZER

Acting Mayor Cllr Eddie Maila accompanied by members of the Executive committee Cllr Reneilwe Pholwane, Cllr Maria Mashego and Municipal officials visited Ohrigstad cluster as part of monitoring compliance at businesses.

During the visit several businesses were found to be operating without valid permits, overpricing on food items, not complying

The shop owners were ordered to get necessary permit and to put compliance measures in place before reopening the shop.

“During our visit we discovered that there are lot of foreign nationals who are not properly documented and running spaza shops in many towns and townships. Most businesses are not registered in terms of the law,



with health and safety laws and contravening laws governing asylum seekers. The operation resulted in a Chinese shop being shut down after not complying with COVID-19 regulations. They failed to produce business permit, sanitizing customers and also selling non-essential items.

they must just get a permit from their Councillors or their Municipality and they are free to trade.” Said Acting Mayor Maila.

Two spaza shops at Lepelle and Tswenyane Village were ordered to remove the expired stock and to use correct sanitizers.



Premier Mathabatha monitoring mines



Limpopo Premier Chupu Mathabatha visited Marula Platinum mine in Diphale area for COVID-19 adherence and monitoring for the reopening of the Mines as part of Alert level 4. The Premier was accompanied by MEC Thabo Mokone responsible for LEDET, MEC Phophi Ramathuba responsible for Health and Mayor of Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality Ralepane Mamekoa. Marula mine is currently operating with 50% of employees and complying with measures announced by the department of Employment and Labour.

The objective of the visit was to check facilities around the mine in preparation for the returning of employees. The entourage was given a presentation

on the safety measures to mitigate the spread of the virus and also taken on tour to the Mine clinic and isolation sites to see if they meet the criteria. MEC Ramathuba thanked the management of the mine on how they tried to comply with the measures. The strategy used by the mine is totally encouraging and we wish you to continue to keep on complying to prevent this pandemic of COVID-19.

In his key address the Premier of Limpopo Mathabatha applauded the mine for providing social responsibility to their employees at large. It was for the first time the Premier visited the mines to inspect compliance measures at their operations. Mathabatha said all the mines will be visited to avoid disappointments at later. " Marula mine set high standard on social responsibility to prevent COVID-19 pandemic on their 50% operations and we will use these measures we saw at Marula Mine to compare with other mines concluded Premier Mathabatha

Provincial Command Council visits Fetakgomo Tubatse to monitor compliance



Premier of Limpopo Chupu Mathabatha and FTLM Mayor Ralepane Samuel Mamekoa verifying hawker`s permit.



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The premier of Limpopo Province, Chupu Mathabatha accompanied by MEC of Transport & Community Safety, Mrs Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya as well as other members of the Provincial COVID 19 Command Council and the Provincial Commissioner of the South African Police Service in Limpopo Lieutenant General Nneke Ledwaba, the Executing mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality, Stanley Ramaila, Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipal Mayor Mamekoa, conducted special operation to monitor compliance to Covid 19 regulations at Burgersfort Cluster and its surrounding village.

The purpose of the operation was to raise awareness around Covid 19 and to assess whether people and business comply and obey the regulations.

Several Supermarkets in Burgersfort town, Mashamothane, Praktiseer Township, Steelpoort town and Ngwaabe area were visited and the non-complying shops closed and owners arrested and charged for non-compliance in terms Covid-19 regulations. The entourage of Law enforcement agencies from SAPS and Traffic police started at Burgersfort Extension 10 where several people were arrested for contravening the COVID-19 Regulations and also a big retails shops ordered to close by the Premier of Limpopo for using a fake sanitizer.

In his address Premier Mathabatha, raised a number of concerns about the non-compliance in Burgersfort and the surrounding villages around Fetakgomo Tubatse. He said "the area will be closely monitored by SAPS". About 30 people were arrested Fetakgomo Tubatse for breaking the Lockdown regulations.

Better house to 109 years living legend



A 109 years grandmother from Tjidintji section Mooihoek village in Driekop next to Modikwa mine was handed a magnificent Five roomed house with three bedroom by the Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality Cllr Keamotseng Stanley Ramaila and fully furnished. Koko Legadi Maroga received the gift of house after staying in an old house with poor living conditions for many years ago and sharing it with her four orphaned grandchildren after their parents passed on years ago. This ever strong granny, depend solely on social grants to survive and to feed her orphaned grandchildren.

The call to assist Granny Legadi was made by the ward Councillor Rebone Riba after identifying the family and realising that house was in a dilapidating stage and not conducive for people to live in. Cllr Riba said to the family and friends who gathered to witness the handing over of the house "We would like to thank the Municipality and the contractor for building house to the family and handing it over during the period of Covid 19. The family will be able to sleep comfortable and avoid the cold season of winter.

"We wish to thank the contractor who has spent enormous time building this beautiful house on my behalf. I am very grateful that I can restore the dignity of Mme Maria Maroga, after long toiling years without shelter and we will continue supporting the family, God bless Koko Maria Legadi Maroga with many years to come." Said Executive Mayor Ramaila.



Help stop the spread of **COVID-19.**

Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for at least **20 seconds.**



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